

U.S. Application Serial No.: 10/627,969
Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species
dated May 5, 2006
In response to Office Action Dated March 15, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are in this application.

Claims 41-44 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer
for being directed to non-elected invention.

Claims 13-40 have been withdrawn from prosecution for
directed to non-elected species.

Claims 1-40 are currently pending in this application.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect
claims of Group I (claims 1-40 directed to methods of operating
a fuel cell).

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement,
Applicants further elect claims 1-12.

Applicants submit that claim 1 is generic to claims 2-40
and respectfully point out that if the elected species is found
to be allowable, Applicants are entitled to either election of
additional species for further examination or allowance of
claims 1-40.

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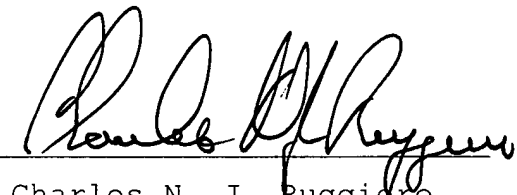
A request for a one-month extension of time is hereby made
to extend the period for response to May 15, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request examination of this
application and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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